



Mayor Smith earns Youth Service America award

Mayor Smith has been selected to receive the 2010 Harris Wofford Award for Public Officials recommended by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's office. This award is the highest honor Youth Service America gives each year and it carries significant prestige since it is presented in honor of one of our nation's greatest public servants. The Harris Wofford Award was created to honor those who do extraordinary work towards achieving Senator Wofford's vision of making service and service-learning the common expectation and common experience of every young person in America.

"I truly appreciate it when the good things that are happening in our community are recognized," Mayor Smith said. "One of the first programs in this youth education effort will be the Summer of Service where Mesa youth can participate in service-learning activities during their summer break. These opportunities will provide an avenue for young people to develop their roles as active members of the community while learning and having fun."

Each year two elected officials who have done extraordinary work engaging young people as leaders in their communities are recognized. Mayor Smith was selected for his plans to launch a Summer of Service for children and youth to participate in service-learning over summer break.

The awards ceremony is today in Washington, D.C. Mayor Smith will be accepting his award via video message.

For more information about Mayor Smith's Cities of Service involvement go to

<http://mesaaz.gov/citymgt/mayorcc/mayor/citiesofservice.aspx>.